

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

[English]

Employment and Training of Visually Handicapped

5836. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to consider new vistas of training and employment for the visually handicapped;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the new avenues for jobs using the right technology have been created; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d) With the introduction of new technology, new avenues of employment open up for all employable persons including the visually handicapped. At present no specific scheme is under consideration of the Government for introduction of new technology with a view to enhancing employability of visually handicapped persons.

[Translation]

Oswal Urea Factory

5837. SHRI RAMMURTI SINGH VERMA : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had acquired 950 acres of land from the poor farmers of Pipraula, Shahjahanpur for setting up Oswal Urea Factory;

(b) if so, the details of the compensation paid to each family and the number of persons provided employment;

(c) whether the Government are aware that proper compensation has not been paid and jobs not been provided to these poor farmers; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) The area of Oswal Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (OCFL)'s complex at Shahjahanpur is 930.75 acres. Out of this, only 756.64 acres was acquired from farmers through Uttar Pradesh State Industries Development Corporation [UPSIDC]. OCFL had paid Rs. 198.11 lakh as land acquisition charges to UPSIDC. 980 land owners were

affected by the acquisition proceedings. 112 land losers have gone to the court for enhancement of compensation awarded OCFL has provided direct employment to 7 land losers. In addition, indirect employment has also been provided by OCFL to 93 land losers.

[English]

Payment of Cess on Cash Crops

5838. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to pay the full amount of cess to the States which stands collected through the export of cash crops; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for paying the full amount of cess collected through export of cash crops to the States.

Development of Western Ghats

5839. SHRI S. BANGARAPPA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allotted by the Government for the development of Western Ghats under the Western Ghat Development Programme during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the funds allotted for the development of Western Ghats are too meagre to take care properly of the Western Ghats;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the funds for the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Sea Foods

5840. SHRI NITISH BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sea foods available in our ocean limits;

(b) whether taste of such sea foods is being developed according to the taste of Indian populace; and

(c) if so, whether development such of taste is likely to result into a lot of saving?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DALIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) There are large number of sea foods available in our ocean limits. Out of these, there are about 80 commercially important fish species.

(b) and (c) The taste for sea food is already developed and there is a very good market for the marine fish landed in India, especially in coastal and nearby areas where this fish can be made available in prime condition. Further, out of the total annual marine fish production of 27 lakh tonnes, about 90% is consumed in the domestic market. However, preparation of value added products from low value fish will avoid wastage of valuable protein and will make available cheaper protein rich food for the local population.

National Commission for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes

5841. SHRI A. SIDDARAJU : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for SCs/STs has been reconstituted;

(b) if so, the details of the composition of the said Commission along with the date of its reconstitution;

(c) the amount spent by it during 1996-97; and

(d) the number of reports submitted by the Commission during 1996-97

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was reconstituted in the month of October, 1995 with the following composition:

1. Shri H. Hanumanthappa, Chairperson.
2. Smt. Omen Moyong Deori, Vice-Chairperson.
3. Shri Narsingh Baitha, Member
4. Shri B. Yadaiah, Member
5. Shri Anand Mohan Biswas, Member
6. Ven. Lama Lobzang, Member
7. Shri Naresh Chandra Chaturvedi, Member.

(c) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes spend Rs. 3.52 crores during the year 1996-97.

(d) During the year 1996-97 the National Commission has submitted its Annual Report for the year 1993-94.

Operation Flood

5842. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of villages/areas/districts could not be covered by the NDDB under the Operation Flood programme even through sufficient quantity of surplus milk is available;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter;

(c) whether the State Government concerned have been consulted or are proposed to be consulted in framing the proposals for the investments and creation of requisite facilities; and

(d) the reasons for delay in taking action even though the Operation Flood programme ended in March, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) There are a large number of villages/areas which have surplus milk production but yet are not covered by a milk cooperative. No detailed survey to identify such areas and the extent of surplus production has, however, been conducted.

(c) and (d) The National Dairy Development Board, the State Governments and the State Cooperative dairy federations have been consulted/advised to frame proposals for bringing such surplus milk production areas in the cooperative network.

Dairy Projects in Bangalore

5843. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Anand Milk Union Limited (AMUL) propose to set up a Rs. 120 crore ultra modern dairy in Bangalore;

(b) whether a Rs. 50 crore fruit and vegetable projects is also proposed to be set up in Bangalore by NDDB; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. RAGHUVANS